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* 1757 *Q.*—SRI P. JEEVANANDAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the terms of agreement reached by the Mysore State Government with this Government in the year 1892 regarding the sharing of the Palar River water;

(*b*) whether any other agreements or adjustments have been made subsequently in the matter;

(*c*) whether the conditions were respected till recently;

(*d*) if any of the conditions have been violated, what they are; and

(*e*) what action this Government have taken on such violations?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" (*a*) The Palar is one of the rivers coming within the scope of the agreement of 1892 between Madras and Mysore Governments and no new anicut or reservoir which would result in the diversion of water from the river beyond certain limits can be constructed by Mysore without the previous consent of Madras.

" (*b*) Yes. An understanding was reached in regard to the Bethamangalam tank in Mysore State in 1902 when the Mysore Government proposed to increase the capacity of the Bethamangalam tank. They agreed that the waters of this tank would be used only for domestic and industrial purposes of the Kolar Gold Fields and that the yearly draw-off of 72 m.c. feet would not at any time be increased without a previous reference to the Madras Government.

" In 1933, the Mysore Government agreed to examine whether and to what extent, it would be possible to supply the information asked for by the Madras Government and if so, at what cost.

" (*c*) Yes, so far as information is available to this Government.

" (*d*) Does not arise.

" (*e*) Does not arise. However, this Government are now considering a proposal to request the Government of India to constitute a Council under Article 263 of the Constitution of India to make enquiries into the matter. The proposal envisages the Council being comprised of persons not belonging to either of the two States involved."

* 1758 *Q.*—SRI P. JEEVANANDAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum recently from the Committee constituted by the Palar Basin Agriculturists' Conference held in the first week of January 1955,

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regarding a co-ordinated scheme of irrigation works under the Palar river system and requesting the Government to publish a White Paper giving all information relating to this problem; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A memorandum on the subject setting forth the resolutions passed at the North Arcot-Chingleput Ryots Conference held at Kaveripakkam on 26th December 1954 was received in January 1955. The Government are now considering a proposal to request the Government of India to constitute a Council under Article 263 of the Constitution of India to make enquiries into the matter and suggest suitable remedies. The proposal envisages the Council being comprised of persons not belonging to either of the two States involved."

* 1759 *Q.*—SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government of Madras have addressed the Government of India seeking their good offices for the settlement of the disputes between Madras and Mysore over the sharing of the Palar waters;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have received any reply;

(*c*) if no reply has been received, whether the Government have sent a reminder; and

(*d*) whether the Government propose to issue a white paper on the sharing of the Palar waters as requested by the North Arcot, Chingleput Ryots' Conference held at Kaveripakkam on 26th December 1954?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) No. This Government propose to address the Government of India.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Does not arise.

" (*d*) No."

* 1760 *Q.*—SRI K. G. MUNUSWAMY GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation was received on January 7th, about the supply of water to the North Arcot district from the Palar river, and if so, the action taken thereon;

(*b*) what has happened to the representation made by the Government of Madras to the Government of India and to the Government of Mysore in the matter; and